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WELCOME

New Members:
Keisha Robertson
Dorothy Webb

Newsletter

Terry Hetzel

Email brags, club news, articles, etc by the 28th to be in the next newsletter to:

terry8410@suddenlink.net

please note in the subject line: For Newsletter or Brags

**Sunday Agility
Practice is at
4:00 PM**

Come celebrate our club member's successes for 2012 at our annual Awards Banquet. Don't forget to send Jeri photos of your dogs in AOTC related activities for the slide show.

Calendar of Events: NEXT MEETING

Tues Feb 12 at 7 pm

Tues Mar 12 at 7 p.m.

Tues Apr 9 at 7 p.m.

**AOTC Obedience Trial
April 26-28**

AOTC Awards

AOTC Awards Banquet

February 2nd at 6:00pm

Eddie's Napolis

700 S Tyler

It will be \$18 + gratuity

Includes: salad and bread

Coffee, tea or a coke

choice of entree:

Meat Lasagna

Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo

or

Vicky Special: Chicken, spinach, tomatoes, mushrooms

over pasta

with a seasoned olive oil

Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday January 31

Just email Jeri back with how many will be in your party



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In Loving Memory of Gee Gee Blades



*Gee Gee Blades CD ,RN,AJN,TD call name "G" and my BFFF
The place in my life G guided me to is awesome. I never knew loyalty like she showed to me. God Blessed me with my "good girl" ~ Gayla*



Your girls Sadie & Riley miss ya Gee Gee Blades. We had a lot of "firsts" and fun adventures we got to share with you. XOXO til we meet again

WAGS

Gail Hefley : The CorgiButts had a great time at our trial. **Belle** finished her MX and earned two legs toward her T2B2. The **Artie Party** finished his AX and AXJ. **Belle** finished her MXJ in Albuquerque



Heather Partain : Savvy earned her BN Title in Elk City

Carolyn Johnson: **Sophie** and I have been on a journey since my injury in May. We went to our first Australian Cattle Dog National Specialty in St. Louis at Purina Farms. My little noodle-head was a rockstar. We placed First in Ex B Std and Second in Time to Beat. We missed High in Trial for Std by 2 seconds!! What an amazing experience. I almost forgot, she also received her Herding Instinct Certificate even after continually flossing her teeth on the sheep. We just returned from the SPOTC agility show where Sophie again amazed me. We were 6 for 9 with an incredible Triple Q (our third) on Sunday with all placements. To put the cherry on top Sophie finished a long slog and we now have her MX title. My little redheaded cattle dog never ceases to make me proud.

~ Carolyn and Sophie



David Paul : On Sept. 5th, AKC published the mid-season report of top five MACH/PACH dogs by breed. Holding down 1st Place as the highest scoring Preferred Chihuahua in the country, I think that means the whole USA, is (big dog) **Buddha** himself. Scores were counted through July 15th, and we had a 4:3 margin over 2nd Place. Added another 2Q and 72 time points since then, so likely ahead; will try our best to keep the lead through the end of the year. We need 52 more time points to qualify for the Nationals, and hope we can earn them in the McKinney weekends by mid-October. One last note: (big dog) Buddha's running speed reset came after our session with an animal communicator...doubtful no longer, I guess I'm the new New Ager, now.

Elise Lavin : My boy, **Tango**, was able to hold it together on Saturday at the PKC show and got his second Utility leg.



WAGS



Bonnie Carson and Mr. Darcy achieved the title of "Companion Dog Excellent" in three successive trials at the Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas Obedience Trial in Amarillo on September 14, 15, and 16. 1 First place 2 Second places.

Arliss Johnson: The past two months have been wonderful for the border terriers and myself. **Dylan** finished his GO title at Oklahoma. He is now resting in the sun with 17 titles to his name.

My **Whinnie** (Sunkist Strawberry Whine) finished her championship in Greeley, CO in September with back to back 5 point majors handled by me. Please see picture.

Just got word today that Whinnie's brother Tango finished his championship today. That makes 4 champions at the age of 15 months out of a litter of 6. This was my first litter of borders and I'm very proud of all of them.



WAGS



Carolyn Brand : **Mr. Jack, The Jackster,** Piper's Hi-jacked at Blackwater JH MX MXJ earned his CDX at the PKC trials in September with a first place in the Open A class. It was a lovely class of dogs and we were very happy to show with all of them. We think that utility holds some appeal for us...after hunt test season, that is! Love this little dog. He is not a quitter, for sure!

THANK YOU

Due to technical difficulties during the end months of the year, we did not publish newsletters but want to make sure all members who volunteer are acknowledged.

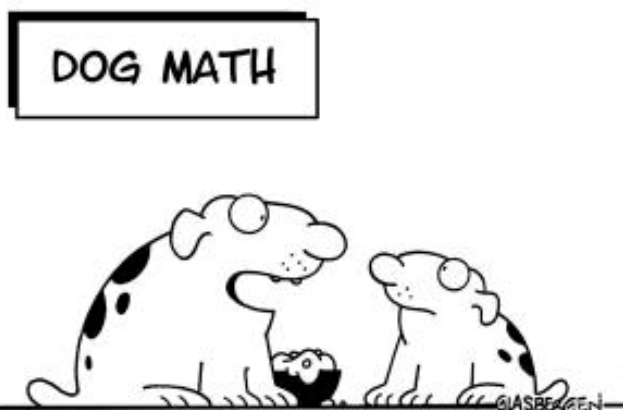
Catch Up THANK YOUs !!!

A sincere thank you to the wonderful AOTC members that volunteered to steward for the Panhandle Kennel Clubs dog shows in mid-September. Because of your volunteering, the PKC was able to save many dollars and it looks like we will be able to hold shows again in 2013. These wonderful people included: Judy DeShong, Rhonda Johnson, Janice Billingsley, Teresa Tucker, Kathy Martin, Linda Hayhurst and Cheri Bannister. If I have forgotten anyone, please excuse me. ~ Arliss Johnson

A HUGE Thanks to all our members who participated in the annual Buddy Walk for the benefit of the Panhandle Downs Syndrome Guild. This event was held at Sam Houston Park on Saturday, October 6. We had members who provided a demonstration of agility plus our members with certified Therapy Dogs attended to spread a little love. Thanks to all the helpers not only who showed off their dogs but helped load, unload plus set up agility equipment and hauled our stuff too. Thanks for helping AOTC put out a great presence for this wonderful event.

We ended 2012 with our Agility Trial and another great opportunity for our members who love to volunteer! Thanks to all who loaded, unloaded and loaded and unloaded agility equipment. Also for those who worked the trial in the major roles and activities of trial secretary, trial chairman, hospitality, awards, course builders, ring stewards, bringing desserts and transporting the equipment. These trials could not happen without member participation and commitment. We appreciate all those who step up and shoulder the responsibility.

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"If I have 3 bones and Mr. Jones takes away 2, how many fingers will he have left?"

REMINDER: MAILED correspondence must be sent to the club's PO box. Mailing address is: AOTC

ATTN: (whoever) i.e. Jeri Berryman, Treasurer

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Check out AOTC on FACEBOOK (at Search just type in Amarillo Obedience Training Club and click LIKE) see more behind the scenes photos and news about the club Thanks Gail for the great job in updating/maintaining the club's face.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS using the club building

PLEASE do not adjust the air conditioning. It is programmed to automatically come on and go off for class times. If you have special times you need to use the club building and need the air conditioning, please contact Judy DeShong.

PLEASE check BOTH doors at the club building before you leave the training building. If you go out the second door by Judy's ring, you have to slam it shut to get it to lock. If you don't, the wind will catch it and blow it wide open. Please secure the building when leaving. THANK YOU.

Last one to leave the AOTC building, please check the following:

HEATER must be MANUALLY turned on and off. DO NOT turn heater OFF. Please turn heater down to 40 when leaving the building.

A/C is set to automatically come on and go off for class times.

Lights are off. All doors are locked

Gate is locked (DOUBLE CHECK, please spin the tumbler to ensure lock engages)

As a reminder, We no longer have a janitor. PLEASE clean up after yourself and others! Please empty the trash when full.

want More Info...

Gail Hanson-Hefley will be coordinating special request topics at the monthly club meetings. Email Gail at jandg3216@gmail.com with your requests for demos, mini-training, seminars, info sharing, want to know, etc.

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